letters of Intent have been granted to MRTP/FERA companies from January, 1987 to March, 1989. The details of the projects taken up by these companies during this pertod are published by the Indian Investment Centre in their 'Monthly Newsletter". The copies of this publication are being furnished to the Parliament Library regularly.

Newsprint Factory at Trichur, Kerala

2353. SHRI THOMAS KUTHIRAVATTOM : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether clearance has been given for the setting up of a newsprint factory in Trichur in Kerala ;

(b) if so, what is the estimated cost of this unit and when this will start production ; and

(c) what are the details of the products and also the production capacity of the factory?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c) A Letter of Intent dated 15-5-1985 has been granted to the Kerala State Industrial Development Corporation Limited for establishment of a new undertaking in District Trichur in the State of Kerala for manufacture of newsprint as well as glazed magazine paper for an annual capacity of 20 thousand tonnes each. According to the estimates indicated by the Corporation in February, 1985, the investment on land, building and machinery required for the project would be Rs. 35·50 crores. No definite indication is available about the likely time by which the undertaking would be established and commercial production started. The Letter of intent is valid upto 31-5-1990.

Closure of Holding Companies under Bharat Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd.

2354. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has assured a deligation of various unions on the 29th November, 1988 that no unit of the holding company under the Bhart Bhari Udyog Nigam Ltd. will be closed down and that closure notices on Raniganj No. 2 and Durgapur refractory units would be wtthdrawn ; and

(b) if so, whether the said assurance has been implemented and if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Memorandum from India Meters Thozhilalar Sangam, Madras

2355. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 29th March, 1989 has been received by Government from India Meters Thozhilalar Sangam, Madras;

(b) if so, what are the details of the memorandum ; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken by Government on the problems mentioned in the memorandum ; if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT